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SUBJ: VISIT BY SYG LUNS TO FRANCE

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SYG LUNS PLANS TO VISIT FRANCE ON FEBRUARY 7 TO DISCUSS VARIOUS MATTERS OF COMMON INTEREST BETWEEN FRANCE AND THE ALLIANCE, APPARENTLY WITH PRESIDENT GISCARD D'ESTAING, AMONG OTHERS. WE UNDERSTAND THAT IF THE OPPORTUNITY PRESENTS ITSELF, SYG LUNS PLANS TO RAISE THE MATTER OF NUCLEAR COORDINATION, WITH PARTICULAR REFERENCE TO THE EMPLOYMENT OF PLUTON. HE MAY SUGGEST THAT CONSIDERATION COULD BE GIVEN TO MAKING AVAILABLE TO THE FRENCH CERTAIN NATO POLICY DOCUMENTS ON ROLE OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS, E.G., THE NPG-DEVELOPED GUIDELINES ON INITIAL USE AND ON CONSULTATION.

COMMENT. WASHINGTON WILL RECALL THAT AT THE BERGEN NPG MEETING IN JUNE 1974 (REF A, PARA 2), MINISTERS DISCUSSED PROBLEMS RAISED BY FRENCH DEPLOYMENT OF TACTICAL NUCLEAR WEAPONS, AND SYG LUNS SAID HE PLANNED TO RAISE SUBJECT IN AN UPCOMING VISIT TO FRANCE. AS SYG LUNS LATER INDICATED IN AN NPG PERMREPS MEETING IN OCTOBER (REF B, PARAS 9
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AND 10), HE HAD TO POSTPONE THAT TRIP AND THUS HAD NOT DISCUSSED PLUTON WITH FRENCH GOVERNMENT. END COMMENT.
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